



*In this early 20th century postcard picture of the Square on West Washington Street, cars are stopped at random places as parking spaces are yet to be created. From Suffolk in Vintage Postcards*

## Frightening the Horses

*"No automobile or other vehicle producing a sound or noise liable to frighten a horse shall be propelled through the streets of the Town of Suffolk."*

This was the reaction on the part of the town council to the first car to come to Suffolk. It was 1903 and the vehicle, a two cylinder Oldsmobile, was the property of Confederate veteran George Walton.

According to our source, it doesn't look as if that ordinance was repealed but in September of that year an amendment required cars to have mufflers and be turned off while not in motion.

Ironically, George Walton (b. 1846) died in an automobile accident in 1929 on the old Norfolk Road (now East Washington Street/Nansemond Parkway). *Information from Ann Burton's History of Suffolk and Nansemond County, Virginia, and Cedar Hill records.*

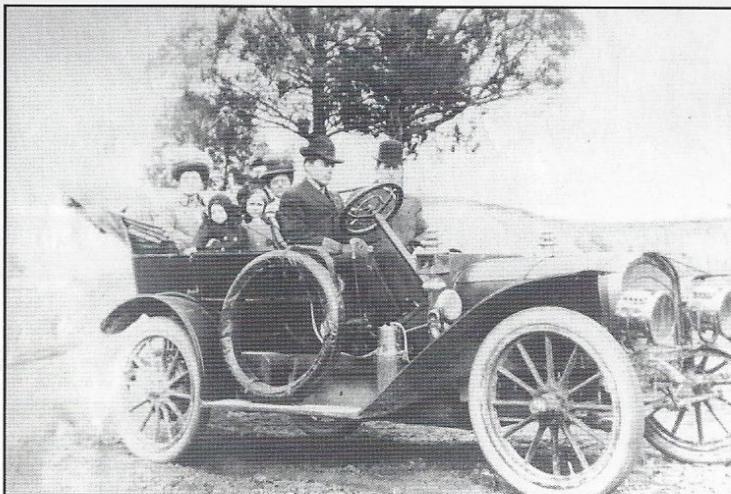
Ransom Olds sold the first mass produced cars in 1901 and Henry Ford's came out in 1903. What a brave new world people were entering when they bought one of these cars early in the 20th century.

It was still man and the elements, much like riding in a carriage. There was no windshield at first. Later there was a windshield but side curtains, not windows. There was no heat and certainly no air conditioning.

There were no paved roads in the country. Tires were small and blowouts were frequent. Early motoring costumes consisted of goggles, dusters, hats and, for the ladies, veils, because of dust. Boots were needed, especially for the driver, to deal with blowouts and other problems that occurred on the alternately muddy or dusty roads.



*This picture dated 1907 was taken on Pinner St. near its intersection with Bank St. just four years after the first car came to Suffolk. The Lehman house is seen to the left and in the background to the right is the home of Mrs. Lucie Darden. Note the upright steering wheel, the unusual seats and the lack of a windshield.*



The C.A. Shoop family of Bank Street c. 1910. Spare tires were essential as there were frequent blow-outs. Look for this image above the frozen foods in Farm Fresh at Suffolk Shopping Center. One of the children is likely Elizabeth Shoop (later Mrs. Brownrigg Dixon) seen as a young mother p. 6.

## Stories from our Members

I grew up in Eure, North Carolina, but we came to Suffolk for most goods and services. In the winter of 1932, it was time for my sister to have her picture taken by Mr. Hamlin. The night before, my mother rolled my sister's hair in rags so she would have curls like Shirley Temple who was then all the rage.

The big day dawned clear but very cold. Our Model T Ford had no heat. We wore our heaviest, warmest clothes and piled on the quilts. What is now Route 13 was not paved.

Somewhere near Whaleyville we ran out of gas. This was a common occurrence as there was no gas gauge or there was one that didn't work. Daddy took the gas can which was always on the car and started walking to Whaleyville. He returned with the gas, cranked it up and we continued on our way to Suffolk. B.E.R.

I attended Suffolk High School and especially enjoyed playing a variety of sports. My father died in 1941 and in 1945 my mother decided to go to Norfolk to live with my sister. I chose to live with my brother in Whaleyville and pay tuition to continue to go to Suffolk High School. My brother would take me to school on his way to work and I would thumb home after practice or games.

One night in the spring of 1946 Suffolk High School played baseball against Norfolk's Maury High School. Maury was big and had a great team—no way Suffolk could win. But we did! I stayed until about 10:15 replaying the game and celebrating.

Thank goodness there was a full moon. I planned to thumb home but not a single car came by. I walked all the way to Whaleyville, finally arriving home at 3:00 a.m. H.H.O.

My mother told me that once in the 1920s when she had gone from Richmond to Buckroe Beach with her parents, there had been a big rain. When they headed back home on the, of course, unpaved road, a low spot in the road was particularly muddy. The Highway Department had stationed a crew of men there to push cars through the mud. It was just part of the job to make the road passable. J.W.J.

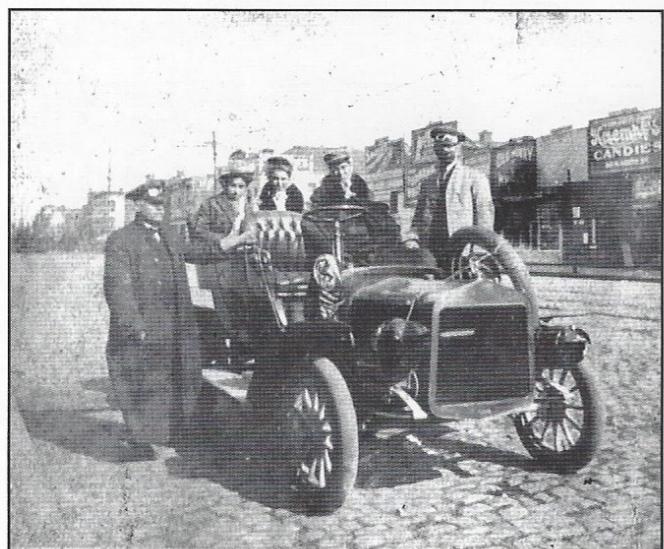
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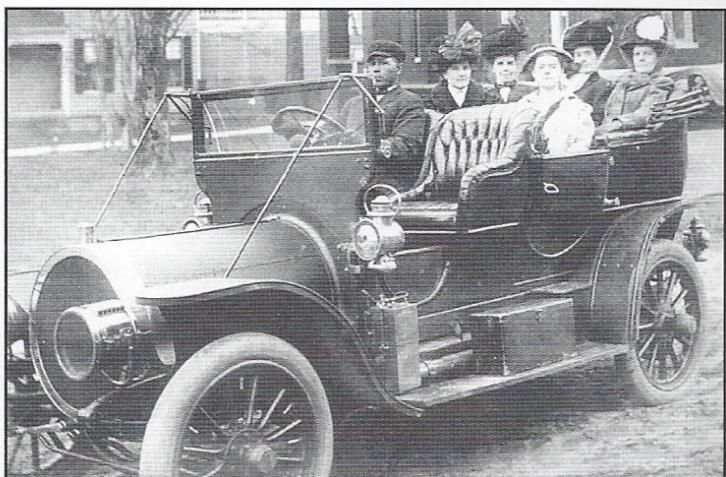
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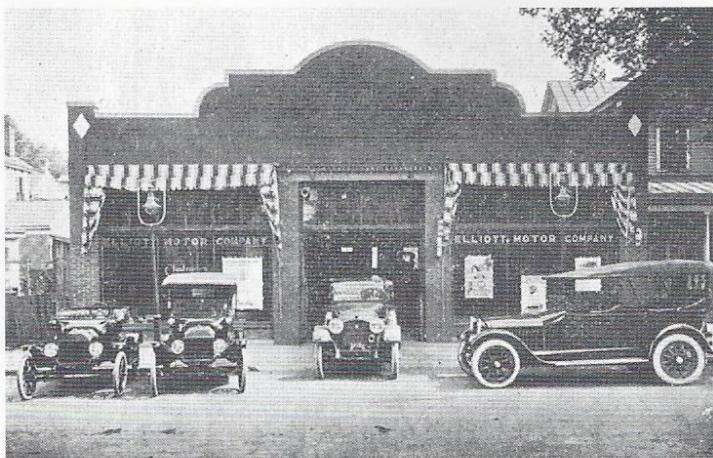
Billhead (See page 3.)



The Lehman family (from Bank St., Suffolk) on Broad Street in Richmond 1907. In the early days of motoring chauffeurs were not unusual because no one knew how to drive! Note the cobblestone street and the spare tire tied on with a rope across the hood.



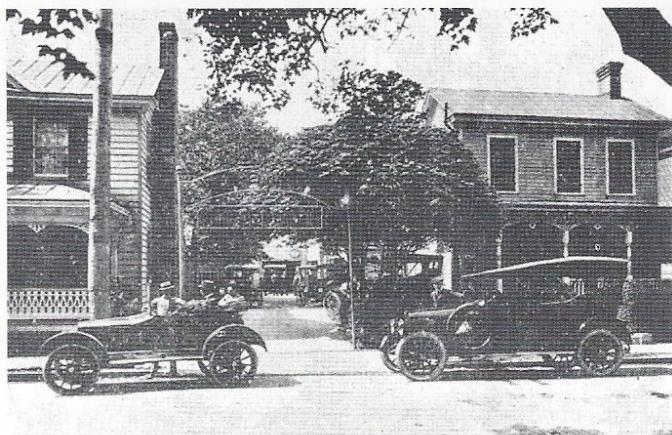
The West family of W. Washington St. heads out for a drive with a chauffeur at the wheel, hats tied on, and dusters covering their clothing. The automobile was certainly for the wealthy early in the 20th century; but all of that would change, of course, by the century's end. This picture had been turned into a postcard as was fairly typical early in the last century.



*Elliott Motor Co. c. 1925. This building is still standing. It is now office space on E. Washington St. This part of Washington St. was originally residential. See houses left and right above.*

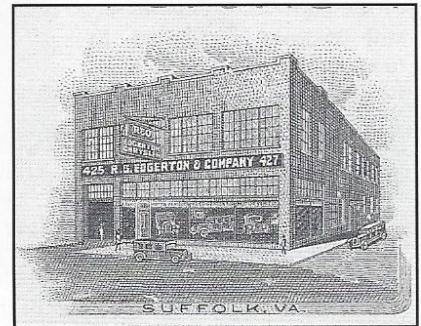


*c. 1930 Newer Elliott Motor Co. still standing is now part of Carter Furniture on E. Washington Street. It is seen from Franklin St.*



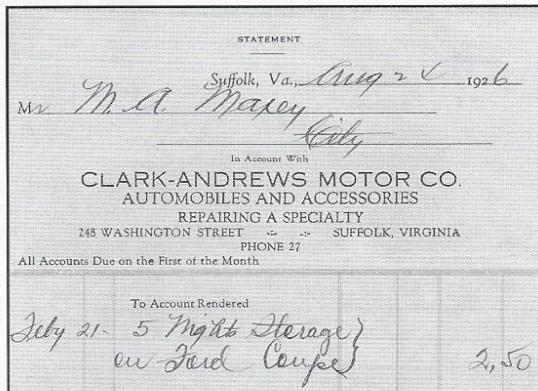
*Left: R. G. Edgerton Co. c. 1915—said to be on W. Washington St. They sold Hudson, Reo, Maxwell and Dort cars.*

*Right: R.G. Edgerton & Company, 425-427 W. Washington St., from 1927 letterhead. This was one of three Edgerton dealerships in Virginia. Perhaps the houses shown at left were demolished for the building at right to be constructed.*



*By 1935 Godwin Motor Company occupied the former Edgerton building and had the Ford dealership. Today SNHS members Becky and James Bradshaw use a portion of the building for Bradshaw Picture Frame Shop.*

B. W. GODWIN, President	GEORGE J. LANE, Sec't and Treas.	GEORGE A. HOWERTON, V.-P. and Sales Mgr.
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425 WEST WASHINGTON STREET		
SUFFOLK, VIRGINIA		



*Like the other early automobile dealerships we've featured, this one was in the downtown business district and is still standing. Today the Clark-Andrews building houses the Brandon House furniture outlet.*

**Ahead of their time—**  
Only women dealers at Buick's Washington zone meeting are greeted by Harlow H. Curtice, Buick president. L-R, Miss Fannie Riddick, Curtice and Miss Beatrice Saunders. The women are owners of the Suffolk Motor Co., Suffolk, Va.



This picture and caption appeared in *Automotive Daily News*, Saturday, Sept. 25, 1937. Miss Riddick and Miss Saunders, along with John Covington, owned Covington Motor Company which was located in the 100 block of N. Main St. (building has been replaced). In 1937 the company reorganized as Suffolk Motor Company, with Alfred Russell and Fannie Riddick as officers. Eventually the company moved to W. Washington St.

Owners and employees of Suffolk Motor Company are shown here in their costumes for the 1958 Suffolk Festival. (See our May 2007 issue *Celebrating History*.)

Seated center is Miss Fannie Riddick who was (unusually) for 39 years co-owner of the dealership, in later years with Alfred Russell, who is seated far left. This was on W. Washington Street across from Clark Andrews Motor Company and was beside the current Sushi Aka. The building is gone but the floor of the showroom seen here is still visible to passers by.  
*Henry Rawles collection*

Can readers name the employees?



## Paving the Way

As the map on the opposite page might show, paved roads were slow to come, in spite of the growing popularity of the automobile. One supposes that as long as there were railroads, no one gave much thought to pavement.

In a 2002 interview E.K. Rabey remembered that in the 1930s a road crew worked around Deans, a stop on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad on Shoulders Hill Road. Horses were a big part of road maintenance. They pulled a drag to smooth the rutted dirt roads. The road crew, a Mr. Langston from Box Elder and his assistant Peter Bose, worked for the highway department. They also kept the ditches clear for improved drainage. No doubt there were similar road crews in other parts of the county.

In the early 20th century the old Norfolk Road (now Rt. 337, E. Washington Street and Nansemond Parkway) was not paved. After a while it was paved with cinders according to Driver native Judge William Wellington Jones. By 1927 the map (opposite) indicates it had a hard surface.

In the early 1930s the construction of the new Norfolk Road started and T.F. Blair came to town. Blair's grandparents both came from Ireland in the 1840s and adopted a nomadic life as the husband began laying beds for railroads. That same life was adopted by their son Thomas who, with his wife, reared their children on the move, often living in a large tent with a wooden floor. One of those children, T.F. Blair, followed in his father's and grandfather's footsteps, working on railroads and then roads and going where work called him.

Early in the 20th century T.F. married Ossie Pearl Southern of Lynchburg. They moved to South Carolina where he worked for Coastal Construction Co., building roads through swamps and marshes. That would help prepare him for the job

that brought him to Suffolk in the early 1930s—building the new Norfolk Road (Rts. 58, 460 and 13) through the Dismal Swamp from Magnolia to Bowers Hill.

This road was built like no other because of the deep layers of peat in the swamp. In normal road construction all trees are cut down and the roots removed. In this case, the trees were cut, the stumps were left and canals were dug on either side. The dirt from digging the canals was used to cover the stumps and make a smooth surface. (When E.V. Williams Co. built the other two lanes about 50 years later, the stumps were again left in place.) Horses and mules were still being used along with trucks.

Mr. Blair continued to work in the area. He and his wife reared their 13 children in Suffolk. Several of his eight sons joined him in the business. Blair Brothers Construction is still paving the way in Tidewater today. *Thanks to George Blair*



*A five-mule team hitch pulling a roadway grader, c. 1930. From The Road Ahead, Winter 2006, printed with permission from the University of Virginia.*

# Heirloom Sale

at the Dawson House  
137 Bank St., Suffolk



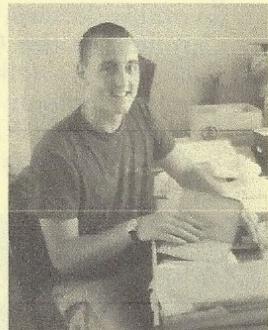
Friday, Sept. 23, 3-6  
Saturday, Sept. 24, 8-12 noon

Furniture, decorative arts, important old books  
Donations needed—check your attic!  
Think estate sale, not yard sale

Proceeds benefit the Dawson House

## Notes from the Dawson House

- We are happy to have had a summer intern, Joe Powell, who is a history major at Longwood College. He is helping us in several ways, especially with our collections.
- This summer we are starting what we hope will be a regular lecture series, perhaps bi-monthly, featuring member and guest speakers on historical topics of local interest. See the other color insert.
- As we prepared this newsletter we remembered our friend, the late Henry A. Rawles, Jr., who sent us boxes and boxes of Suffolk pictures and documents prior to his death last year. Several of this issue's pictures came from him.
- We are enjoying our first summer with central air conditioning. The generosity of so many SNHS members helped make that happen. Thanks to member John Harrell for overseeing this project.
- We continue to field calls, letters and emails from all over the world—well, all over the country and as far away as Israel and England—with questions about Suffolk/Nansemond history. We do our best to answer them with the help of our collection.



Joe Powell, Intern

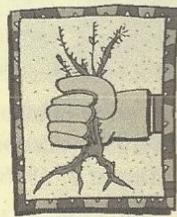


This picture of Miss Marie Woodward was taken in 1905, two years after the first car came to Suffolk, and gives us an idea of the style of ladies' apparel at that time.

To read about some of the early car owners in this issue, see *We Are the Poorer for Their Passing: Miss Marie Remembers Bank Street, \$10 at the Train Station.*

Hope you are having an exciting summer minus the muddy roads and the cowboy with six-shooter encountered here. This picture is from the Shoop family of Bank Street (see above). See another picture from their family on p. 2 this issue.

Interested in doing yard work at the Phillips-Dawson House? The flower beds and hedges need care. Please call the office at 539-2781 to arrange a time to come help.



**Postscript to our March 2011 issue, Margaret Susan Prentis Comes Home**

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**SKETCH BOOK OF SUFFOLK, VA.**

**JOSEPH P. WEBB,**

DEALER IN

**Drugs, Paints Oils, Building Materials  
&c., &c.**

**WASHINGTON SQUARE,**

**SUFFOLK, VA.**

Mr. Webb is a native of Suffolk, and except when absent at school and during the war, has resided here continuously all his life. From 1862 to 1865 he served in the 13th Virginia Cavalry with the Army of Northern Virginia.

He commenced business immediately after the war in a small way, beginning with drugs alone. But other lines of goods were, from time to time, added, until now he is well and favorably known to the country trade in Virginia and North Carolina, in the Counties along the lines of the Seaboard & Roanoke, Norfolk & Western, Suffolk & Carolina and Suffolk Lumber Company's Railroads, as an extensive jobber of Drugs, Paints, Oils, Sash, Doors, Blinds, Window Glass, Fancy Goods, Books, Stationery, Tobacco, Cigars, Snuff, Lamp Goods, Toilet and Laundry Soaps, Lye, Starch, Spices and other "Grocers' Drugs."

In 1870 he built a handsome brick store and warehouses on the south side of Washington Square, which he occupied until burnt out in the great fire of 7th June, 1885. He is now rebuilding a large brick three-story establishment on the old site (see Engraving on page 121) and in the meantime his headquarters are on the opposite side of the street.

He enjoys exceptional facilities for the conduct of a large business which is increasing every year.

**We love our old trees!** The team of [SNHS member] **Byron Carmean** and Gary Williamson, called the greatest living big-tree hunters by *USA Today*, have 42 national champions, far ahead of the 16 held by the runner-up. They have been on the prowl for big trees in Virginia and North Carolina since 1983. Carmean says he can spot a potential champ while driving at 65 mph.

The big-tree effort is the most popular citizen science project in the country, according to Ohio forester Brian Riley. It helps find trees that are genetically superior to others and resistant to disease, a key for breeding trees. *From USA Today, July 1, 2011.*



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**Riddick's Folly—Upcoming events:**

- August 20, 10:30-11:45. The Visit of Mrs. Mouse, a children's program. Adults must be accompanied by a child. \$
- September 17. For Ladies Only, purse auction

Questions, call 757-934-0822

*Above, from Sketch Book of Suffolk, VA, Its People and Its Trade, by Edward Pollock, originally printed 1886 and reprinted by SNHS 1991. Joseph Prentis Webb was the son of Margaret Susan Prentis Webb and Dr. R.H. Webb. The next great downtown fire, August 1, 1888, started in Joseph Webb's warehouse and destroyed much of the commercial area a second time.*

*The 1890 billhead below confirms that Joseph Webb was back in business after the second fire.*

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*Suffolk, Va., June 28<sup>th</sup> 1890.*

*M. M. L. [Signature]*

**Bought of JOSEPH P. WEBB,**

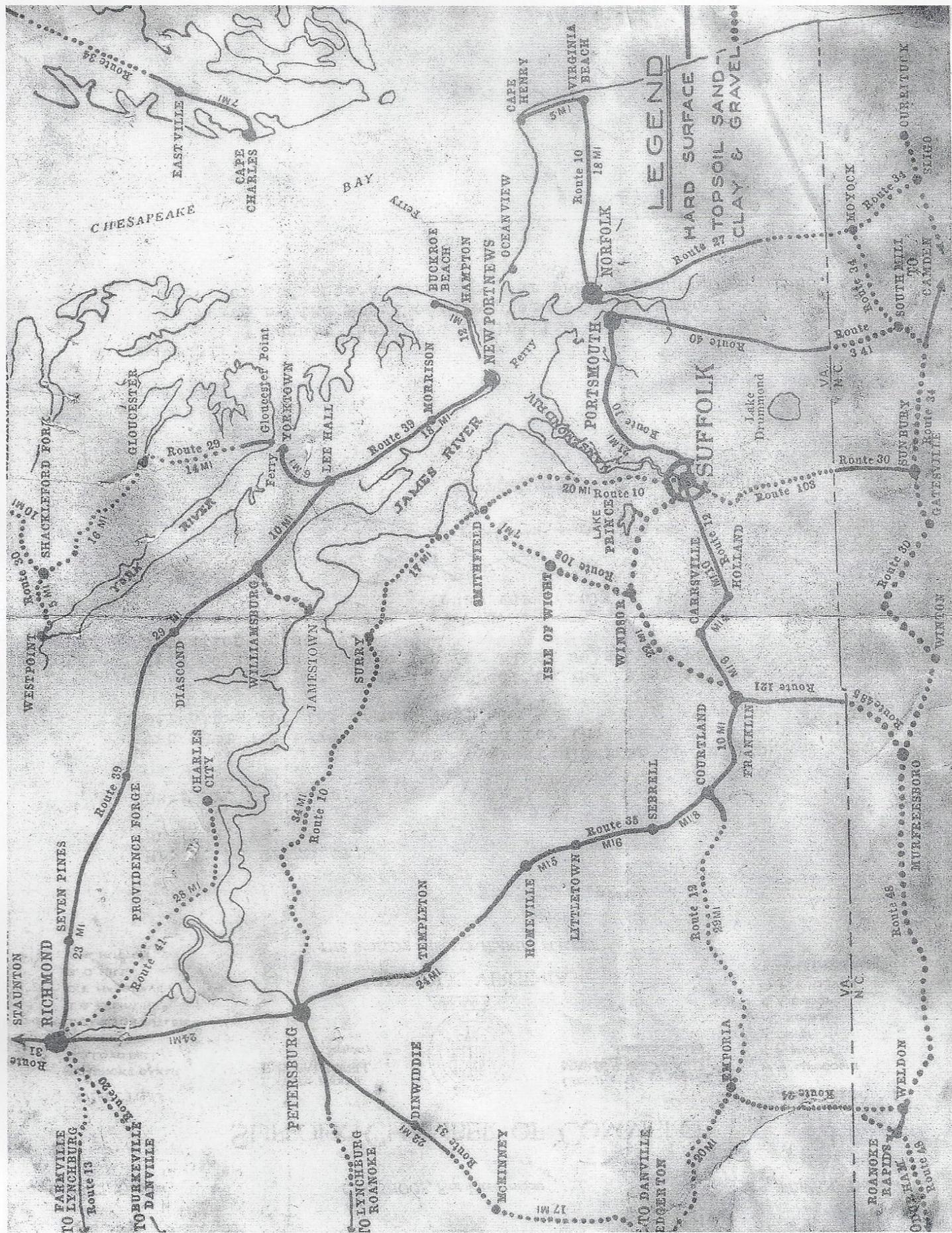
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*Map of paved and unpaved roads from Suffolk Chamber of Commerce 1927*



December 31, 1929. Mrs. P.A. Jordan, Jr. & \_\_\_\_; Mrs. Claude Eley & Claude, Jr.; Mrs. L. Quimby Hines & Sue; Mrs. G. Brownrigg Dixon & Betty; Mrs. Henry A. Rawles & Henry, Jr.; Mrs. L.B. Callis & Catherine; Mrs. Francis Chase & Frank; Mrs. H.V. Westnedge & Harry.

The Godwin Courts building now occupies this site. The mothers might have been on their way to Russell's Drug Store which was just out of the picture to the left. Photo by Fred Hamblin; Rawles collection

## The Class of '46 then and now

We couldn't resist using these pictures from our collection



Claude Eley's first birthday May 1930. \_\_\_\_ & \_\_\_\_; Mrs. Claude Eley & Claude, Jr.; Mrs. Elmer Brinkley & Jr.; Mrs. Quimby Hines & Sue; Mrs. Francis Chase & Frank; Mrs. Henry Rawles & Henry, Jr.; Mrs. Duke Hosier & Alice. Rawles collection



65th reunion SHS Class of 1946, June 11, 2011. Front row, L-R: Frances Hall Lassiter, Sarah Gobble Trexler, Alice Hosier O'Connor, Clarice Byrd Irvin, Betty Dixon Brooks, Jean Hanal Hawa and Sue Hines Davis. Standing, L-R: Jack Nurney, Marvin Williams, Harold Barrett, Jim Bullock, Robert Parker, Forest Mallette, Haywood Briggs, Herbert Briggs and R.B. Austin. Photo thanks to Harold Barrett

## Sesquicentennial Observance 2011

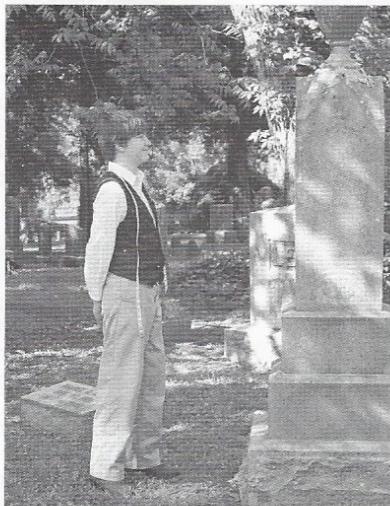
Tours of Cedar Hill were conducted with SNHS members adopting new/old persona for the first observance of the 150th anniversary of the War Between the States. We met Ellen Custine Ridick, Missouri Woodward, Narcissa Cowper, Margaret Susan Prentis Webb, Catherine Copeland, John Lotzia, John Richardson Kilby, Dr. William Brock Wellons and Peter Prentis—all residents of Suffolk in 1861—via the people shown here. *Photos thanks to Gin Staylor & John Johnson*



Left:  
Virginia Cox  
Below:  
Cindy Lane



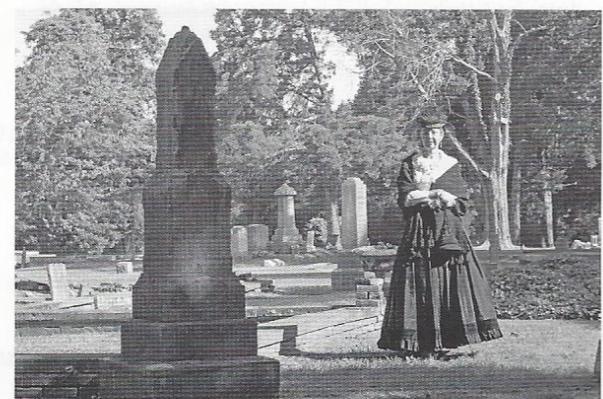
Andrew Richy-Yowell



Above: Lindsay Bulls  
Below: Susan Garrett



L-R: Fred Taylor, Jim Parker, John Johnson,  
Mills Staylor, Lew Carr



Left: Gin Staylor

Postscript to our November 2010 Chuckatuck issue:

Godwin ad c. 1920

See also Godwin Motor Company this issue, p. 3.

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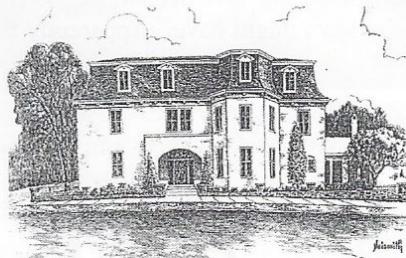
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Right: Susie Shirkey

*Left: The ladies selling flowers at the market remind me of the old city market. I have fond memories of walking "uptown" to buy the flowers with my grandmother and mother and then coming home to arrange them and take them over to the cemetery. Those were the days! Barbara McPhail*

## Gifts and Memorials through July 7, 2011

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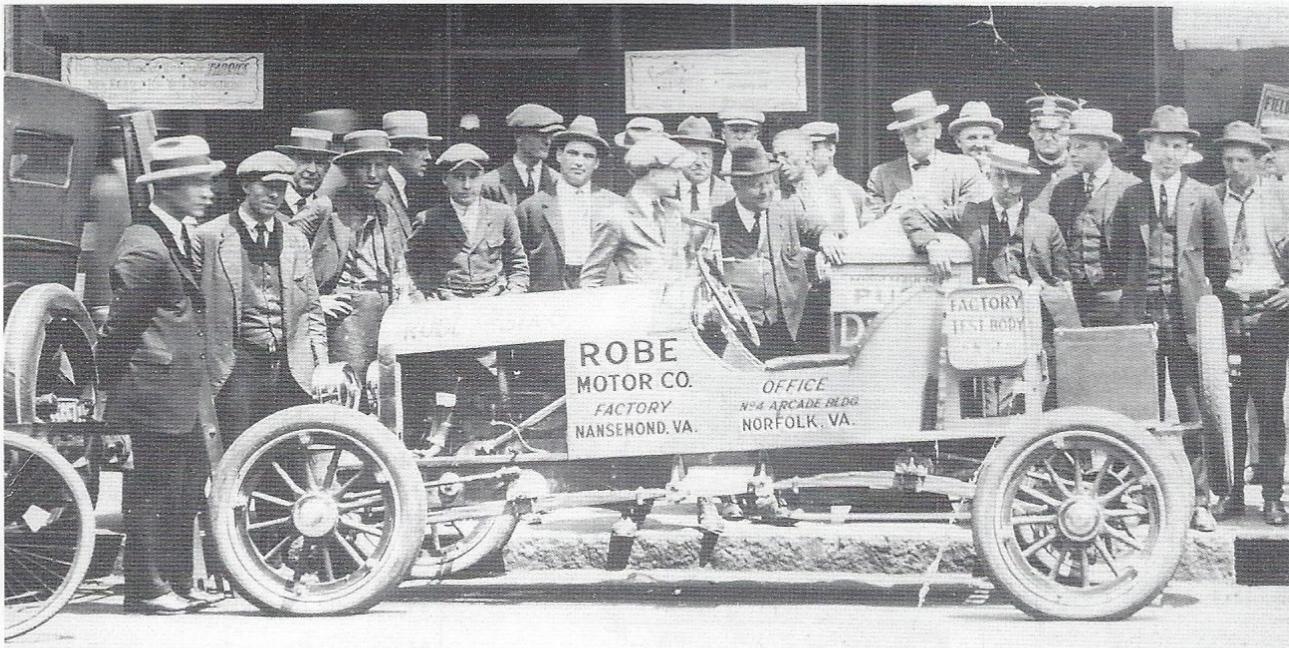
## From the Train Station . . .

We are pleased to welcome Susie Shirkey as our new Train Station Coordinator. She replaces Marie Carmean who moved to Arizona. We appreciate the great job Marie did at the Station.

Susie has quickly stepped up to the task of managing the facility and getting to know the volunteers and visitors who come to the Station. Come by to meet Susie and sign up to volunteer!

The farmer's market is in full swing and we enjoy all the visitors who stop by during their visits to the market. *Barbara McPhail*





### Motor City, Virginia? Who knew?

We were surprised last summer when the City manager shared some information that was sent to her. That is, in 1923-24 at least one car was manufactured in a barn near Driver at Nansemond, a stop on the Atlantic Coastline Railroad. Since then a pair of antique car enthusiasts have been to the SNHS office to trade information with us. We would appreciate any information our readers might have. Apparently this factory test body (as it is called) was being shown in Norfolk.

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